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Waiting on Spring!



Margaret Rudolph,
District Administrator,
Portage Community
School District

Hello,

We have just about made it through the winter, according to the calendar anyway, and while I would like to say that it has been uneventful, you know that has not been the case. As I write this, the school has had nine and one half (9.5) weather days. I do not remember, in my past 37 years in education, having a total of 9.5 weather days in a school year and March just started. Did you know last year we had two late starts and two early releases for the weather in April? We have added days to the end of the year and changed our in-service day to a student contact day. We still have school time to make-up, however, I am waiting a bit to see how many more minutes of instruction if any, we may need to add. The decision depends on the total number of instructional hours we have to make up.

I have received a number of inquiries asking why the State Superintendent does not waive some days of instruction like the Governor of Minnesota. I would like to explain what I know about that. Wisconsin schools do not have the requirement of days of school as in the past. The state statutes require schools to have a specific number of minutes of instruction each year depending on the grade level. Therefore, the Wisconsin State Superintendent does not have the authority to waive hours of instruction statewide.

I would like to take a moment to comment on the District's School Resource Officer (SRO) Peter Warning. Officer Warning began his work as the District SRO on January 2nd. Since he has been with us, he has made frequent visits to all of the district schools and attended many after-school events. In addition to being a noticeable presence in the schools, Warning is working on developing the SRO program to build positive relationships between law enforcement, staff, students, and families. He is also using his knowledge and experience in his work to teach students about traffic law, common law, and the use of drugs and vapes. We are glad he has joined our team of educational professionals.

As we continue to progress through the third quarter, I would like to tell you how excited I am to see and hear how the students are growing in the classroom, both academically and socially. Our professional and paraprofessional staff continue to challenge their students and hold them accountable for their daily activities.

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There are wide-ranging opportunities for individual learning and one-on-one personal development. This learning and personal growth continues outside of the classroom as I witness student-athletes compete in sporting events, scholars participate in various competitions, and club members excelling in their studies and working in the community on projects benefiting others. Thank you for working together to support the students in the district. We are better together working as a team for our students.

In closing, I would like to again extend an invitation to you to attend any of our schools' spring concerts, programs, and athletic events. I would love to have you join our students in celebrating their talents.

Sincerely,

Margaret Rudolph
District Administrator
Portage Community School District

Calendar of Events ~

Please note, event dates and times may change due to the weather or an unforeseen conflict. Please check the District website for any changes that may occur.
<https://www.portage.k12.wi.us>



- March 5:** Portage HS Winter Band Concert 7 p.m. @ PHS
March 7: Middle School Band and Choir Concert 6 p.m. @ BMS
March 7: Portage High School Parent/Teacher Conferences
4–7 p.m. @ PHS
March 12 and March 14: Elementary School Parent/Teacher
Conferences 4–7 p.m. @ All Elementary Schools
March 14: Portage HS Choir Concert 7 p.m. @ PHS
March 18–March 24: No School—Spring Break
March 29: End of 3rd Quarter
March 30: Jazz Cabaret 4 p.m. @ PHS
April 4–April 6: High School Musical 7 p.m. @ PHS
April 5: Opening Reception, Student Art Show 4–6 p.m. @ PCA
April 7: High School Musical 2 p.m. @ PHS
April 11: Rusch Spring Music Concert 5:30 p.m. @ Rusch
April 19: No School—Good Friday
April 25: Middle School Awards Night 6:30 p.m. @ BMS
May 2: BMS Spring Band Concert 7 p.m. @ BMS
May 6: PHS Senior Awards Night 7 p.m. @ PHS
May 9: PHS Band Concert 7 p.m. @ PHS
May 16: PHS Choir Concert 7 p.m. @ PHS
May 21: BMS Spring Choir Concert 7 p.m. @ BMS
May 27: Memorial Day—No School
May 31: High School Graduation 7 p.m. @ PHS

Contact Numbers within the District

Endeavor Elementary School	(608) 587-2625	Classroom Hours: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Lewiston Elementary School	(608) 742-2524	Classroom Hours: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
John Muir Elementary School	(608) 742-5531	Classroom Hours: 8:00 a.m.—3:10 p.m.
Rusch Elementary School	(608) 742-7376	Classroom Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:55 p.m.
Woodridge Elementary School	(608) 742-3494	Classroom Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:55 p.m.
Bartels Middle School	(608) 742-2165	Classroom Hours: 7:55 a.m.—3:15 p.m.
Portage High School	(608) 742-8545	Classroom Hours: 7:50 a.m.—3:15 p.m.
Portage Academy	(608) 742-7376 x6117	Morning Session: 8:30 a.m.—11:30 p.m.
Portage Academy	(608) 742-7376 x6117	Afternoon Session: 12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Gerstenkorn Admin. Building	(608) 742-4879	
PCSD Food Service	(608) 742-5531	
Go Riteway Transportation	(608) 745-1501	

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Portage High School Spring Sports Athletic Schedule **Bold type indicates games to be played in Portage.

BOYS BASEBALL

- 4/2 Waunakee *
- 4/4 Waunakee
- 4/6 Doubleheader Monroe *
- 4/9 Mount Horeb *
- 4/11 Mount Horeb
- 4/16 Reedsburg
- 4/18 Reedsburg *
- 4/23 DeForest
- 4/25 DeForest *
- 4/27 Tournament @ Adams-Friendship
- 4/29 Wisconsin Dells *
- 4/30 Baraboo *
- 5/3 Baraboo
- 5/7 Beaver Dam *
- 5/10 Beaver Dam
- 5/11 Doubleheader Wautoma *
- 5/14 Sauk Prairie
- 5/15 TBA @ Miller Park—Milwaukee
- 5/16 Sauk Prairie *
- 5/17 McFarland



GIRLS SOFTBALL

- 3/26 Scrimmage—Westfield *
- 3/28 DeForest
- 4/1 Mount Horeb *
- 4/2 Waunakee
- 4/4 Baraboo *
- 4/9 Mount Horeb
- 4/11 Beaver Dam *
- 4/12 Wisconsin Dells
- 4/16 Reedsburg *
- 4/18 Sauk Prairie
- 4/20 Tournament @ Woodstock, IL
- 4/23 DeForest *
- 4/25 Waunakee *
- 4/27 Invitational *
- 4/30 Baraboo
- 5/3 Invitational
- 5/4 Poynette
- 5/7 Beaver Dam
- 5/10 Reedsburg
- 5/14 Sauk Prairie *
- 5/16 Badger Challenge



BOYS GOLF

- 4/5 Invitational @ Trappers Turn Golf Club
- 4/6 Wisconsin Dells @ Trappers Turn Golf Club
- 4/9 Conference Meet @ Norsk Golf Club
- 4/11 Invitational @ The Oaks Golf Course
- 4/16 Conference Meet @ Lake Wisconsin Golf Club
- 4/22 Invitational @ Lake Wisconsin Golf Club
- 4/24 Conference Meet @ Old Hickory Golf Club
- 4/25 Invitational @ Lake Arrowhead, The Pines
- 4/27 Invitational @ River Valley High School
- 4/29 Invitational @ Wild Rock Wilderness Golf Course
- 4/30 Conference Meet @ Reedsburg Country Club
- 5/3 Tournament @ Portage Country Club *
- 5/8 Badger Challenge @ Door Creek Golf Course
- 5/10 Invitational @ Reedsburg Country Club
- 5/11 Quad @ Portage Country Club *
- 5/14 Conference Tournament @ The House on the Rock Resort Golf Course



GIRLS SOCCER

- 3/28 Adams-Friendship *
- 4/1 Platteville @ Poynette High School
- 4/4 Monroe
- 4/6 Invitational @ Washington Elementary
- 4/11 Baraboo High School *
- 4/15 Fort Atkinson
- 4/18 Reedsburg
- 4/25 DeForest @ Poynette High School
- 4/30 Mount Horeb
- 5/2 Belleville *
- 5/3 Waunakee *
- 5/4 Quad @ Richland Center
- 5/7 Stoughton @ Poynette High School
- 5/10 Sauk Prairie
- 5/16 Beaver Dam



BOYS TENNIS

- 4/9 Badger Challenge vs Monroe *
- 4/11 DeForest *
- 4/13 Quad @ Holmen
- 4/16 Baraboo
- 4/18 Beaver Dam
- 4/23 Waunakee *
- 4/26 Quad @ Stoughton
- 4/27 Quad *
- 4/30 Sauk Prairie *
- 5/2 Mauston
- 5/3 Reedsburg
- 5/17—18 Conference Tournament @ Nielsen Tennis Stadium
- 5/20 Sectionals TBA



TRACK AND FIELD

- 4/2 Invitational *
- 4/4 Invitational Wautoma
- 4/9 Badger Challenge *
- 4/16 DeForest *
- 4/18 Reedsburg
- 4/23 Reedsburg
- 4/26 Oregon
- 4/30 Beaver Dam
- 5/2 Waterloo
- 5/6 Baraboo
- 5/9 Invitational Poynette
- 5/10 Wisconsin Dells
- 5/14 Conference @ Waunakee
- 5/16 Baraboo
- 5/20 Regionals @ Richland Center
- 5/23 Sectionals @ East Troy



Games are subject to change due to weather conditions. For start times, results and schedule updates go to: www.BadgerConference.org

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